

the taxing organization might be, whether it be Washington or their local tax burden.

We understand that the President said that he believes it is selfish, selfish, for people to support tax cuts. Mr. President, it is not selfish for our hard-working families that are going to receive the \$400 per child tax credit to want to keep that money in their home to use on their families rather than send it to Washington, DC.

It is not selfish for a hard-working family that is maybe now working three jobs to want to keep more of their own hard-earned money in their family so they only need to work two jobs instead of three to make ends meet, so they can keep more money there and spend more time with their families because they are now only working two jobs instead of three. That is not selfish. That is family values of this great Nation that we live in. That is the opportunity for parents to spend more time with their children.

#### DEFEAT OF "ISSUE 2" A LESSON FOR ALL

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, yesterday one of the most important election issues in America was decided in the State of Ohio in favor of working families. Ohio "Issue 2" sought to reduce and eliminate many benefits accorded injured workers under the workers compensation system. When people are injured on the job, they have a right to fair compensation, but Issue 2 would have taken away that right.

A powerful coalition led by labor and other representatives of injured workers rose up to protect the moral, the economic, and the spiritual rights of people to be able to be fairly compensated when they are injured on the job.

The defeat of Issue 2 is a lesson for those who would seek to use the legislative process to deprive workers of their rights. It is also a lesson for those who would defy power which seems omnipotent, who believe that they could overcome the odds, assert their rights and triumph on behalf of working men and women.

#### COMMON SENSE NEEDED AT THE IRS

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, soon it will be cookies and tea at the IRS. They are holding an open house down at the IRS. It is their kinder and gentler version of the most feared bureaucracy in America.

After years of abusing Americans on repeated audits, after confiscating personal property and closing family businesses, after harassing local churches

for returning contributions made freely by their parishoners, the IRS says, trust us. We did not do anything illegal. If we did, we will not do it again, but we do need to make some changes. It kind of sounds like campaign reform.

Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of good people working at the IRS put in very bad positions by their management. The best thing to do would be to eliminate the Tax Code and create a fairer and flatter tax. But in the meantime we should all vote for H.R. 2676, the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act, and get some common sense back at the IRS.

#### BRING SOME COMMON SENSE TO FOREIGN RELATIONS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, see if this makes sense. America gives billions of foreign aid to Russia; Russia then takes American cash and builds new weapons; Russia then offers to sell the old weapons to Iran. America trying to keep nuclear technology from Iran, and they buy the old weapons from Russia. Russia then asks America for more foreign aid. America trying to keep the Marx brothers out of Russia, and I do not mean Groucho, give Russia more foreign aid.

After all this, the State Department labels the National Council Resistance, the opposition party in Iran, fighting for democracy, trying to throw those bums out. They label them a terrorist group.

Unbelievable. How dumb can Uncle Sam be? Let us tell it like it is. Those Russian nuclear scientists are not hanging around Iran to watch belly dancers. What is next? Will the Pentagon lease Tehran?

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. With a foreign policy like this, I do not know how we still have our sovereignty.

#### EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

(Mr. SNOWBARGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SNOWBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I have come to the floor to focus our Nation's attention on a disease that afflicts one in every 8 women and affects everyone's lives. Each year, more than 46,000 women lose their lives in a fight against breast cancer and it is this fact I find most distressing, because in many cases, early detection could have prevented the losses of life.

According to the American Cancer Society, nearly 9 out of every 10 women who are diagnosed with breast cancer survive. A major component in achieving this success rate is educating women to regularly conduct breast self-examinations. Again, early detection of breast cancer can prevent the loss of life.

In Kansas City, women are benefiting from the works of Florein Leiberman,

who founded the Breast Exam Self Testing Program, known as the BEST Program. BEST is sponsored by Menorah Medical Center and is supported by 35 physicians who volunteer their time and expertise to provide a free clinic visit to help educate women on proper breast self-examination techniques.

Since 1985, more than 3,500 women have benefited from this program. In addition, BEST is working with local junior and senior high schools to help educate young women on ways to work on this disease.

#### BRING H.R. 856, SELF DETERMINATION FOR PUERTO RICO, TO THE FLOOR

(Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to the occasion in support of H.R. 856, a bill to provide a process leading to the full self-determination for Puerto Rico. This bill seeks to put an end to the disenfranchisement of 3.8 million U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico. This bill is essential to strengthening our Democratic process.

The U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico have been partners of the United States since 1898, almost one century, having fought hand-in-hand to defend American principles and Democratic ideals worldwide. After having faithfully fought side-by-side with our fellow citizens in every armed conflict since 1917, Puerto Ricans are denied the right to exercise self-determination and their right to vote. As the United States preaches to the world on human rights and democracy, it has forgotten 3.8 million of its own citizens.

How can we ask Castro to hold a plebiscite and open elections in Cuba when this Nation, an example and inspiration of democracy, keeps 3.8 million of its own citizens disenfranchised? Please support H.R. 856. It is our responsibility. We must bring H.R. 856 to the floor soon.

#### ELECTION RESULTS SAY IT ALL

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, we frequently hear that liberal and conservative are nothing but labels, but Mr. Speaker, it is a question of vision contrasting between the liberal vision and the conservative vision for America.

Just a few days ago while campaigning in Alexandria, VA, President Clinton called the voters who support tax relief selfish. Well, Mr. Speaker, yesterday all throughout this country, in particular I would like to point out in the 13th district of New York, a district where VITO FOSSELLA was elected to replace Susan Molinari in the House of Representatives, a district that the Democrats said would be a bellwether test for what is to happen in 1998 in the

House elections. Mr. FOSSELLA was overwhelmingly elected by over 60 percent and we are fortunate to have him join this House this morning.

Mr. Speaker, selfishness is not an effort to keep more of what Americans earn, it is the right thing to do.

#### SAY "NO" TO FAST TRACK

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the full court corporate press for fast track legislation is on. The USA NAFTA captains are back. Remember these folks, colleagues? These are the same corporate CEO's that came here and promised NAFTA would be a boon for American workers. We would run trade surpluses with Mexico. Our people would be in full employment.

Guess what? These same folks are back. Their salaries are up dramatically, their profits are up, but 43 percent of them have laid off American workers. They have moved the jobs to Mexico. Twenty percent of them are documented for threatening their workers with moving their jobs to Mexico unless they accept lower wages, but for us, is it not wonderful? Twenty percent of them are also in the top givers of soft money to politicians.

They are here now in the back rooms and trying to get into your offices. Say no to the corporate money. Say yes to the American workers. Say no to fast track, no, no, no.

#### AMERICA NEEDS A NEW IRS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, we can control disease in America, but we cannot control the IRS. Here we go again, and as my mother used to say, same song, just a different verse. The IRS has found a new way to abuse the American taxpayer. This time they are reneging on an agreement with the restaurant industry.

After complaining for years that they are not able to tax the tips earned by hard-working restaurant employees, the IRS proposed a new voluntary taxation plan. Restaurants could, but were by no means obligated to, use this method of recording this income. To nobody's surprise, the IRS has now resorted to intimidation, threatening audits on any business that does not follow their extortionary demands.

This type of harassment must end. Fortunately, the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997 will prohibit this abuse of power. Yes, Mr. Speaker, today is a new day, and we need a new IRS. The time has come to restore the common sense and accountability of this country's tax collection agency.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS, HOUSTON, FOR SUPPORTING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud this morning to announce that the citizens of Houston, TX, are decent people. Resoundingly, yesterday they defeated a clone of proposition 209 out of California, and they proclaimed their commitment to affirmative action and equal opportunity for all. They rejected a referendum to deny the city of Houston the opportunity to implement affirmative action.

With congratulations to local elected officials and all of us who worked very hard, but most of all congratulations to the citizens of Houston, who understood what affirmative action is. It does not take away from someone else and give to another unfairly, it simply opens the door of opportunity for someone equally qualified.

To the Canady legislation to be marked up in the Committee on the Judiciary, be forewarned, the people of America are saying that equal opportunity is what we believe in and what this country stands for. We will fight all the way to maintain the opportunity for all citizens. Thank you, Houston, for standing for what America truly believes in, and that is equal opportunity and access for all of us, through an effort to defeat discriminatory practices by the use of affirmative action.

#### PRESIDENT WRONG TO LABEL TAXPAYERS SELFISH

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, we Republicans believe that one of the greatest family values we can promote in Congress is to allow hard-working people to keep more of the money they have earned, and have the right to spend it on their families. How I wish the President would join us in that family value.

I was stunned to pick up the front page of the newspaper yesterday and to see the headline: "Clinton Labels Tax Cut Selfish." I read from the newspaper, lest anybody think I am exaggerating: "President Clinton yesterday called voters attracted to Republican tax cut promises selfish, saying they should be satisfied instead with a revived economy, and *happy* to pay for government services" (emphasis added).

Yesterday, in Virginia he scolded voters for backing the selfishly gratifying pledge to slash taxes. "This is going to be like one of those meals you order and you are hungry 30 minutes later," the President proclaimed.

Mr. President, I am gravely disappointed in these comments. For a leader who likes to remind us he "feels our pain," I wish you would recognize the pain caused by oppressively high taxes on working American families. You have a chance to join us in the fight to return more of their money from the IRS to their pocketbooks. I urge you to reconsider who is the truly selfish one in this debate.

#### VOUCHER PROPOSAL DEFEAT IS VICTORY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, last night this body voted down the Gingrich voucher proposal. This was a great victory for America's public schools and a great victory, more important, for America's public school children. This Nation's commitment to public schools, to public education, is one of the cornerstones of our democratic society.

The notion, the notion that every child, regardless of race, gender, station in life, is entitled to public education, that is what we have been about in this great Nation.

Today our public schools do have a lot of problems. Vouchers is not the way to fix them. Vouchers simply provide an out for a lucky few, while draining precious resources that could be spent on replacing leaky roofs, buying new computers, or hiring new teachers. This is a way to take money from public education and put it to private education for the privileged and for the few.

Let me congratulate my colleagues who stood up on the floor last night. They stood up for public education, and they voted down the Gingrich voucher plan.

#### VOTES REFLECT SOLIDARITY WITH CHINESE IN STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Congress has a unique opportunity today to stand in solidarity with the long-suffering Chinese people in their struggle for freedom, for democracy, for respect for human rights.

There is a series of bills before us today ranging from enforcing a ban on slave labor products to condemning the abhorrent practice of forced abortion.

The House will vote on sanctions on Chinese missile exports to Iran, as well as my bill, which will place human rights monitors in our Embassy and consulates in China.

We will send a message to the people of Tibet and Taiwan that we want them to have self-determination.

The House will vote on adopting a voluntary set of principles which promote good corporate citizenship by